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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station – 2nd Floor
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: <u>City of Cambridge</u>, D.T.E. 04-65

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

I am writing on behalf of Cambridge Electric Light Company (the "Company") to request a brief extension to file responses to the two record requests asked by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (the "Department") on January 14, 2005. The record requests seek historical data back to 1992 supporting the Company's testimony in this proceeding regarding the Company's Account 108, which includes costs associated with the Company's accumulated depreciation for streetlight equipment.

The Company is endeavoring to respond to the requests, but requires until Wednesday, January 26, 2005 to do so in order to gather responsive documentation. The Company previously indicated at the January 14, 2005 evidentiary hearing that it may require more than seven calendar days to respond to the Department's record requests (Tr. 1, at 169-170). Indeed, the effort to retrieve historical documents from storage, gather relevant back-up data to the Company's capital asset software and analyze that data for consistency with its books of account requires a few more business days to complete.

Consistent with a related request by the Hearing Officer, the Company discussed with the City of Cambridge (the "City") the possibility of altering the briefing schedule in this proceeding (id. at 170-171). However, no agreement on an extension was reached. Accordingly, the Company has no objection to leaving the briefing schedule in this proceeding as agreed upon by the parties on January 14, 2005, which includes a deadline for filing initial briefs of January 26, 2005 and a deadline for filing reply briefs of February 2, 2005.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Very truly yours,

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